REMARKS

The specification has been amended in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependent claims.

The drawings have been amended to include notations (a) and (b) for Fig. 15.

The title of the invention has been amended in order to more accurately reflect the title of the invention previously set forth in the U.S. patent application. Early and favorable action is awaited.

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,

HANSON & BROOKS, LLP

Mel R. Quintos

Attorney for Applicants Reg. No. 31,898

MRQ/rk Atty. Docket No. **050323** Suite 1000 1725 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20006

(202) 659-2930

22950

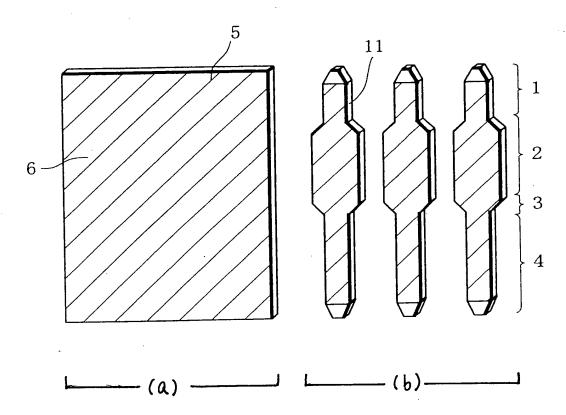
23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Enclosures: 2 Drawings (a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes)

Q:\FLOATERS\MRQ\05\050323\Preliminary Amendment, 06-02-05

FIG. 15



AOCHI, Akira, et al.

Preliminary Amendment filed June 3, 2005 §371 of International Application PCT/JP2003/15497

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig.15. This sheet, which includes Fig.15, replaces the original sheet including Fig.15.